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FRANCIS HAZELTON, aged 48 years.HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VEXES ROAD C
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 28TH, 1908.

It is not inopportune when we are hearing
so much about peace to look at the condi-
tions which may make for, or retard, the
realisation of that object. Admittedly
few people desire war. Some there are who
may have something to gain by a cessation
of the "piping times of peace," but, speaking
generally, few people nowadays care to see
or hear the clash of arms between nations.
Even military men do not look forward with
pleasure to the outbreak of hostilities which
will engage them to the full in their pro-
fessional duties, while to the civil an the
prospect of war is not without dread. In a
word, the desire for peace is practically
universal. But while this is an undisputed
fact we have the curious spectacle of all the
principal countries of the world devoting
their energies to raising larger armies or
equipping more powerful navies. With all
the warlike talk and comparisons of fighting
forces, which this occasions, it is difficult to
realise that the *raison d'être* of those huge
armies and powerful navies is the main-
tenance of peace. No motives of aggression
or aggrandisement are recognised! No! Peace
is the ultimate goal. Some people may
impugn these motives, but after all, actions
speak louder than words and the

that in recent misunderstandings
between several nations, amounting in one
or two instances to serious causes of quarrel,
the parties concerned have shown a dis-
inclination for war, indicates that peace
is still the great desideratum. We see
in Great Britain an agitation being waged in
favour of a larger army and a more power-
ful navy. Even conscription is suggested.
Yet no one would dare to say that Britain
should she carry out the programme
sketched out for her, has designs upon any
other power. Australia, too, wants an army
and a navy, not with any aggressive object
in view, but merely that she may feel secure
against invasion, thereby ensuring peace.
In like manner the United States and Ger-
many want larger navies to protect their
expanding interests. The fear of aggression
seems to be felt in every national conscious-
ness, and all seem to act on the axiom that
preparation for war is the best guarantee
of peace. Weakness is regarded as a
temptation to a stronger power, and as such
is a menace to the peace of the world.

Disarmament has been suggested as a
remedy for the increasing burden of military
equipments which the nations are now
compelled to bear, but though it has been
considered it has not reached the stage
of practical politics. The nations are still
jealous of each other. They may have under-
standings, *ententes cordiales*, agreements,
treaties, and alliances, but the effect of these
is not to produce greater feelings of "cordia-
lity" among the mass but rather to make for
amalgamation, more or less temporary, which
still keeps the Powers of the world ranged
on different sides. How is this jealousy to
be overcome? How is this wasteful
burden of armaments to be removed from
the nations, leaving them freer to develop
their own resources and make use of the
manhood at present engaged in military
occupations? These questions are not to be
answered readily. With each nation taxing
itself to the utmost to keep pace with others
in maintaining huge fighting forces, it seems
as if the world was paying very dearly for
the peace which is supposed to be the object

each power has at heart, and the question
naturally arises How long is this to
continue? The more puissant nations will
doubtless go on augmenting their enormous
armaments. The weaker must perforce lag
behind and finally drop out of the race,
leaving the contest to the more powerful
competitors. Then, if not before, the folly
of this international jealousy and the
burden it involves will perhaps dawn upon
the nations concerned. Then disarmament
will become feasible. But that time has
not yet come.

It has been declared that disarmament
would become general if any one of the
great nations were courageous enough to
abandon its armament and trust to the
generosity of the others not to take advantage
of its incapacity for fighting. An
international agreement against aggrandise-
ment is a necessary preliminary step.
With such an agreement in existence it
has been said that were Britain to abolish
its navy and army she would have nothing
to fear: no nation would dare interfere
with her. As all her ports and all her
possessions are open to the trade of all
nations, they would all be interested in their
maintenance, and, unflinching though the
simile may be, Britain would become the
protégé of the other Powers in much the
same way as China is. China stands forth
as an example of the policy indicated, but, of
course, her peculiar helplessness does not
tend to make the example particularly
attractive. Still the principle is there. And
when the other powers realised the advan-
tages gained by Britain they would not be
slow to follow on the same path. The
proposition is undoubtedly a daring one, and
we can imagine that it will not meet with
anything like general approval. Pride of
country, patriotism, jingoism, call the
sentiment what you will, will be opposed
to an innovation by which Britannia will
no longer rule the waves with her warships,
and we would hesitate to counsel an experi-
ment so hazardous, but the project need not
be condemned unconsidered and in a world
whose wish is peace the way may yet be
found for making it less risky and
more practicable.

The students of the Nobles school at Peking
who are to be sent abroad to study for the Navy
will be sent to England, Germany and France.

We learn that the plague epidemic at
Tongshan, North China, is now practically at
an end, only sporadic cases having recently
been reported.

Mr. E. A. Carl, Commissioner of Customs at
Newchwang, has been appointed Associate
Commissioner with Liu Ju-lin to the Opium
Conference which is to meet in Shanghai on the
1st February and Mr. F. W. Carey, Acting
Assistant Secretary to the Inspector General,
has been appointed Secretary to the Chinese
Commissioners.

Mr. Henry Edward Bush, of the Admiralty
Lodge, Vanbrugh Park-road, Blackheath, Lon-
don and late of Newchwang, has been ap-
pointed at £19,557.

His Majesty the King has been advised
to exercise his power of disallowance with re-
spect to Ordinance No. 16 of 1908, entitled—
An Ordinance to extend a certain definition
in the Imperial Act styled the "Colonial
(Colonial Statutes) Act 1907."

A letter of thanks signed by 56/5 men of the
U. S. Battleship Fleet, has been received in
Japan in acknowledgement of the cordial
welcome during their stay in Yokohama. They
state in the letter that the entertainment given
at Bihya Park, Tokyo, was the most elaborate
yet received by American sailors since the
establishment of the Republic.

A Peking newspaper states that the message
of condolence sent by the foreign nations to
China in her recent national bereavement have
so touched the Prince Regent that the Imperial
Highness intends to send a Prince of the blood
to the various countries to return thanks after
the hundred days of mourning.

The Board of Justice has resolved to establish
a Supreme Court in each of the prefectures and
departments and a court of petty sessions in
each district and city within the next year, two
years and three or four years respectively, and
to thoroughly reform the legal procedure at an
early date—*Chinese Public Opinion*.

Peking mail news shows that preparations
were being made a fortnight ago for the
departure of the Dalai Lama on his return
home. An Edict appointed Pu-ti-su to escort
the Dalai Lama to Pao-tung, after which the
Viceroys and Governors are to escort him
through their respective territories. A farewell
audience with the Prince Regent is stated to
have been refused, owing to the observance of
mourning. For the same reason no decoration
of the railway station was permitted on the
occasion of his departure. The Dalai Lama
was very busy receiving guests, both Chinese
and foreign, who came to bid him farewell,
bringing with them a great number of presents.

AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

On Friday 25th H.E. the Governor and Lady
Lugard entertained H.E. the Maharaj Kumar
of Sikim, attended by Major O'Connor, to
dinner at Government House.

Mrs. Noble and Miss Waters, who are on their
way to Japan, are at present guests at Govern-
ment House.

To-day (Monday) Lady Lugard is giving an
"At Home" at Government House.

Yesterday Lady Lugard and House Party
attended Divine Service at St. John's Cathedral.

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MR. L. R. WILFLEY.

A complimentary luncheon was given at the
Astor House, Shanghai, last week in honour of
Mr. L. R. Wilfley by his friends on the eve of
his departure for home. The chair was taken
by Bishop Graves and among the guests were
Sir Pelham Warren, K.C.M.G., H. M. Consul-
General, Mr. Ratard, Consul-General for France,
Mr. C. Denby, Consul-General of the United
States, Mr. F. S. A. Bourne, Acting Judge of
H. M. Supreme Court, Mr. D. Landale, Chair-
man of the Municipal Council, the Rev. C. E.
Darwent, Messrs. H. P. Wilkinson, T. Morgan
Phillips, J. D. Clark, C. Fink and A. Monestier.
The hosts included—Bishop Graves, Mr. J. F.
Seaman, Mr. W. L. Merriman, Mr. H. De
Gray, Mr. J. A. Thomas, Dr. F. L. Hawks
Pott, Dr. F. E. Hinkley, Mr. A. Hasset, Mr. D.
Coath, Mr. J. H. McMichael, Mr. C. C.
Baldwin, Mr. J. C. Ferguson, Dr. J. B. Fern.
Rev. R. T. Bryan, Mr. H. O'Brien, Mr. W. W.
Lockwood, Mr. A. S. Forbes, Mr. W. Dorsey,
Mr. Thomas Cobbs, Mr. D. Magrath, Mr. C.
H. Blake, Mr. B. G. Holt, Mr. G. P. Goidsey,
H. E. Kempler, Mr. R. J. Solomon, and Mr.
J. W. Rice. At the close of the luncheon,
Bishop Graves proposed the health of the guest
of the day, wishing him *bon voyage*. Judge
Wilfley replied briefly in suitable terms.

A SHANGHAI WEDDING.

HOOPER-WALLACE.

A brilliant wedding was celebrated at Holy
Trinity Cathedral last week when Mr. E. E.
Hooper (son of Sir William Hooper and Lady
Hooper) was married to Miss Gladys Maud
Wallace, second daughter of Captain and Mrs.
F. H. Wallace, of Shanghai. A large company
of guests was present, among whom the Stock
Exchange was strongly represented, and in
addition to many carriages and motor cars the
"Tantivy" coach was retained for the occasion
to carry guests from the Cathedral to the sub-
sequent reception. The interior of the Cathedral,
particularly the chancel, was very effectively
decorated and the service was accompanied by
full music of choir and organ. The Rev. A. J.
Walker officiated to marry the happy pair. The
bride, who was given away by her father, was
attended by four bridesmaids, the Misses Claude
and Joyce Wallace, Miss Nina Sutherland and
Miss Hazel Crawford. Mr. E. Wheeler acted as
best man, and there were also thirteen ushers,
Messrs. B. McGregor, R. I. Fearon, F. L.
Fearon, W. C. Murray, F. B. S. Jacob, L. E. P.
Jones, E. E. Deacon, L. J. C. Anderson, W. F.
Wingrove, D. F. Wallace, K. J. McEuen, H.
Edblad and W. G. Pirie.

The bride was dressed simply, but elegantly
in plain clinging white satin, made *à la* fashion
style, with deep tucked yoke of (chiffon
and tight sleeves of this same material. The
four little bridesmaids wore plain white
satin frocks and large white hats. They
carried bouquets of poinsettia, making a
very effective colour scheme of red and white.
Mrs. Crawford's gown was pearl gray, Empire
style, and she wore a lovely large white hat
trimmed in shaded roses of mauve and purple.
The reception after the ceremony in the
Cathedral was held at the residence of Mr. and
Mrs. D. W. Crawford, 11 Sicawei Road, which
was kindly lent for the occasion, and the bride
and bridesmaids subsequently left for the Taihu
Lake in a houseboat, where the honeymoon will
be spent.

TELEGRAMS.

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THE JAPANESE DIET.

Tokyo, December 27th.

At the opening of the Diet on
Friday the Emperor in his speech from
the Throne referred to his peaceful
relations with other Powers and
alluded to the need for the readjust-
ment of the finances.

JAPAN CONGRATULATES
TURKEY.

Tokyo, December 27th.

News has been received in Japan
that the members of the Turkish Par-
liament had noted with surprise that
Japan alone among the great Powers
of the world had omitted to send con-
gratulations upon the inauguration of
the Parliamentary system.

Taking advantage yesterday of the
opening of the twenty-fifth session of
the Diet the House of Representatives
resolved to telegraph their congratula-
tions to Turkey.

The message was sent in French.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

THE VENEZUELA TROUBLE.

London, December 28th.

The Bank of Venezuela has telegraphed
to Berlin and Paris cancelling President
Castro's unlimited letter of credit. Dr. Jose
Paul, the ex-foreign Minister proceeds to
Europe to settle disputes with the Powers.
Holland has telegraphed ordering the cessa-
tion of the naval demonstration.

LATER.

The Venezuelan Vice-President Gomez has
arrested President Castro's brother for
leading a conspiracy to assassinate him and
seize the Government. President Castro is
charged with complicity. The Vice-President
has revoked the decree hampering trade with
Curaçao, which was the main cause of friction
with Holland. This is regarded as the
equivalent of a settlement.

The American warships *Montana* and
South Carolina have sailed, presumably for
Venezuela.

LATER.

Venezuela has resumed friendly relations
with Columbia. President Castro, inter-
viewed, said he would not hamper the new
Government from settling the country's
disagreement with foreign nations, even
though it involved his own withdrawal
from activity.

THE OPIUM COMMISSION.

London, December 28th.

Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian
delegate to the Shanghai Opium Commission
has arrived in London en route to India,
where he will stay as long as possible on his
way to Shanghai to investigate the opium
conditions in India.

THE INCREASE OF FRENCH
ARTILLERY.

London, December 28th.

The French Chamber is debating the Bill
for the increase of the artillery. General
Biquart declared that it was impossible to
remain inferior, as compared with a possible
 foe, though the French organization was
superior to the German.

LATER.

The French Chamber has voted the Bill
for the increase of the artillery.

RUSSIA AND AUSTRIA.

London, December 24th.

M. Isvolsky has issued a note to the
Powers, in which he refers to the Austria
proposal for a preliminary exchange of the
views of the Cabinets regarding the annex-
ation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The
note points out that the principal difficulty
hitherto has been the divergence of Austro-
Russian views. Russia was unable to agree to
the suggestion that the Conference should
merely confirm any Austro-Turkish agree-
ment, and the Conference must define the
new situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Austria's new proposal involves consid-
erable inconvenience, but Russia desiring
to be conciliatory is not disposed to object
to it.

STUDENT RIOTS IN PARIS.

London, December 28th.

There have been riots in Paris, by the
medical students, who protest against the
new examination rules. The Republican
Guards charged the rioters, and many were
injured.

COST OF THE BATTLESHIP
CRUISE.

London, December 28th.

The cost of the cruise of the American
battleships is £10,000,000; the coal alone
costing £5,000,000.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.

CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.

Christmas in Hongkong passed very
quietly. Fortunately the weather was bright
and bracing and people took advantage of it to
enjoy themselves to a large extent out of doors.
There was the usual sport at the Happy Valley
on Saturday afternoon, a two days' cricket
match at the Hongkong Club, as well as other
meetings.

The "event of the season" in the minds
of scores of children in the Colony is the
Christmas tree annually given by Mrs. Watt
and Miss Fairall at "Brasserie." It was held
on Boxing Day and the large number of children
invited spent a thoroughly happy time, and a
capital assortment of toys was, as usual, dis-
tributed among them.

A Christmas tree was also given at the
Maidie Hospital.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

His Lordship Bishop Lauder conducted the
morning service at St. John's Cathedral on
Christmas day, a crowded congregation being
present. His Lordship based his text on the
fifth verse of the ninth chapter of Isaiah, "His
name shall be called wonderful," and remarked
that the event people were celebrating on that
day had completely changed the history of the
world. The speaker dwelt on some of the
Creator's wonderful attributes and made an
appeal on behalf of the Diocesan Girls' School
and Orphanage, an institution which refused
neither European nor Eurasian girls on the
score of fees. His Lordship remarked that
this was the birthday, not of a great philosopher,
but of our Saviour who loved us unto death.
Through eternity we shall never cease to wonder
at his wisdom, purity, power and love.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

On Christmas eve, at 10 p.m., divine services
commenced in the Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception with Matins, said by the Sanctuary
choir. The service was presided over by the
Rev. Bishop Pozzoni and he was assisted by
the whole clergy. At 11.30 a solemn Te Deum
was intoned by the Bishop and responded to by
the choir, with organ accompaniment, follow-
ing immediately the Pontifical High Midnight
Mass, at which Bishop Pozzoni officiated
and was assisted by the Rev. Fr. Gabardi,
Rev. Fr. Agostini and a sub-deacon. The
Kyrie, Gloria and Credo were sung by the full
choir of St. Joseph's College, assisted by a
few local amateurs. The Preface and Pater Noster
were sung by the Officiating Prelate. At the
Offertory *Adeste Fideles* was well sung by the
choir, as well as the *Sanctus*, *Benedictus* and
Agnus Dei. The music was well executed under
the conductors of Mr. O. Baptista. At the
conclusion the Rev. Fr. Agostini sang the *Te*
Missa set which was responded to by the choir:
—Deo Gratias, and the Bishop imparted the
Apostolic Blessing upon the large congregation
assembled.

The Catholic Cathedral was especially deco-
rated for the occasion and the altar was
replenished with numerous candles, producing
an imposing effect. At the right side of the
chancel, a manger was seen representing the
grotto of Bethlehem, in which were the beautiful
images of Our Lord Jesus lying in a cradle,
the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph
adoring Him and surrounded by the shepherds.
The images were perfect and beautiful. The
whole service concluded exactly at 1 a.m.

A solemn high mass was also conducted on
Christmas morning at 8 o'clock by the Rev.
Fr. Gabardi. The Cathedral was again well
attended.

UNION CHURCH.

At Union Church, where the holding of a
Christmas Day Service is of recent origin, a
good congregation assembled. The overgreen
brightened the church within as the cheering
sunlight shined all without and within. The
anthem "Let us now go" was tenderly rendered
by a large choir who also ably led the con-
gregational singing of the old, old hymns. The
Rev. C. H. Hinkling spoke of "Emmanuel" as
the hope of the individual, the maker of the
Christian home, and the hope for humanity.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, KOWLOON.

The services at this church on Christmas
Day were conducted by the Rev. A. J. Stevens.
Major G. M. Evans of the 13th Buffs read the
lessons at Morning Prayer, and the Chap-
lain's sermon was based on the text "God was
manifest in the Holy Flesh" (1 Tim. III, 16).
The offertories at both services were in aid of the
Winter Relief Work of the Church Army, and
of the work of child-recess known as "Dr.
Barnardo's Homes," and \$37.65 were contributed
to be apportioned between these two worthy
causes.

The church was tastefully decorated for the
occasion, palms, pot plants and flowers being
lent by Sir Paul Chater, Mrs. Proctor, Mrs.
Batterworth and Mrs. Watling.

ROSBARY CHURCH, KOWLOON.

The Rev. Father Spada presided at the
Christmas service at this church. The Catholic
community at Kowloon undertook the deco-
rations and the church presented a pretty appear-
ance. From the entrance door to the altar
everything had been decorated with burning
evergreens and flowers. The choir accompani-
ment and the columns were nicely dressed, and
six powerful Kiteon lights were used to illum-
inate the surroundings. At midnight on Christ-
mas Eve mass was celebrated, and the choir
sang the mass of Maestro Carozzi.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.

On Christmas morning at 10 o'clock a solemn
high mass was officiated by the Rev. Fr.
Agostini Flacozzo. The Church was fully
occupied, not a seat being left available and
many had to remain standing. Special music
was produced for this occasion in which some
well known local singers assisted the choir.
One of the most attractive items was the beauti-
ful duet "Et incarnatus est," sung by Miss
Edith Carvalho and Mr. Chico Silva, both

well known singers in the Colony. The
choir consisted of eight ladies and over a
dozen gentlemen, with the full orchestra con-
ducted by Maestro Gonzales. The little church,
in itself beautiful, was magnificently and tastefully
decorated with palms and festoons, and the al-
tar, prettily dressed was profusely illuminated
with numerous candles, standing amidst roses
and chrysanthemums while the rich garments of
the officiating clergy added to a spectacle impos-
ing and attractive.

AT THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH.

Never before in its history has the little
church at West Point presented a brighter
picture than it did on Christmas day in its
festal decorations. The font surrounded by a
graceful palm was decorated with evergreens
and flowers whilst in crimson letters on a white
ground the text "Unto us a son is born"
encircled it. The pulpit was especially notice-
able, so skilfully had the masses of flowers been
blended with moss, holly and other greenery.
The lectern, communion rail and the east
end of the church were also very nicely
decorated, a number of palms and other
graceful plants adding greatly to the
effectiveness of the decorations in this part.
The services were bright and cheerful, the
music being of the simplest and most congrega-
tional character. The sermon was based upon
the well known verse in the book of the prophet
Isaiah "Unto us a child is born." In the after-
noon sports were held at Stoncater Island,
but the attendance was not large. At the
Kowloon Institute a party sat down to tea at
6.30 and spent the rest of the evening in a very
pleasant manner unloading the "brig." Another
party gathered in the other Institute at Wan-
chai and spent the afternoon and evening in a
real old-fashioned Christmas way. On Boxing
Day there was a tea and entertainment in the
evening.

WANCHAI WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The Christmas service was held at 10.15 a.m.
The chapel had been tastefully decorated by the
ladies the previous day. The preacher was the
Rev. J. A. A. Baker, who chose for his text
Matt. II, 2 "Where is He that is born king of
the Jews, for we saw his star in the East and
are come to worship Him." The story of the
Magi was one around which had grown much
tradition. In Cologne Cathedral were buried
three kings, whose bodies were dug up near
Constantinople in the 4th century and deposited
there. These were supposed to be the Magi.
In contrast with this is the modern tendency
to speak of the "birth stories" as a myth. It
is more difficult to explain the story away than
it is to explain it.

In the text we have the coming of the Gen-
tiles to Christ. That coming is marked by an
earnest quest after God, which is shown
in the distance they came and the little
knowledge they had to lead them to make such
a journey. They were astrologers who prob-
ably had seen something unusual in the
heavens, and connected it with the coming of
Messiah. How different to the earnest spirit of
the Magi is the modern spirit! "Heaven lies
around us in our infancy; we are brought up
with the light of the Gospel all around us; when
we were born 20 centuries of Christianity had
shaped our environment; the very atmosphere was
Christian. Yet millions of Englishmen would
be making merry, exchanging presents, wishing
each other a merry Christmas and scarcely
thinking why all these celebrations are held—a
Christmas without a Christ. The truest joy at
Christmas comes to him whose heart is full
with gladness because Christ has come.

In this text too we have the manifestation of
Christ to the Gentiles. He was revealed to
them as a child. How suggestive is this of the
One who said we could not enter His Kingdom
unless we became as little children. He
was also revealed as a King. He was
a king in a higher sense than the Magi
then knew, for the real king is he who
submits himself to the "eternal laws of
humanity." This King is now coming to his
own. It is this mind that is over the institu-
tions of Europe, and His spirit that has
permeated our domestic and social life.

Now we see a world-wide movement toward
Christ. The world has "seen this star in the
East." In West and East, beneath the surface
struggling to express itself is everywhere the
spirit of enquiry; in England we can discern
it beneath the demands of the Socialists, in
France it is seen in the nation rejecting a
religion that has bound it down hitherto, and in
China it is seen in the desire to understand the
secret of the power of the Christian nations.

The world has seen His star and now, like the
Magi, is enquiring where the Christ is. Soon
it shall be led to where our infant Redeemer
is laid.

WARDERS' "SMOKER."

The annual smoking contest of the warders
of Victoria Jail was held at the officers' mess,
Wyndham Street, on Saturday night, was well
attended, and, as heretofore, proved a great
success. After an opening overture, Mr. Cooks
sang "Asleep in the deep" to the pleasure of
his hearers, Mr. Brown following with the comic
song "Too-rall-doo-rall-doo," the refrain of
which was taken up by the audience with much
vim. Mr. Allen was applauded for his singing
of "Poor John," while the comic song "I'd
like to go halves," sung by Mr. Collier, was well
received by those present. Mr. Englefield's
skilful contribution on the piccolo was much
appreciated, and Mr. Brook was deservedly
applauded for his song "Love me and the
world is mine." Later, the same singer earned
another ovation for his singing of "Rocked
in the cradle of the deep." A pleasing selection
by the Royal Marine quintette was followed by
Mr. Dehaney's song "The Diver," which proved
an enjoyable item. Mr. Englefield again
obliged with a whistle solo, the applause which
followed bearing testimony to its appreciation.
Mr. Roper proved a skilful exponent of the art
of dancing and Mr. Hutchinson delighted the
audience with the comic song "So am I." Mr.

to the plans of the Aerial Navigation company, which will be opened on May 1 next between Boston and New York. The company has leased two acres of land at Boston for the erection of a terminal station, and the construction of a fleet of dirigible ships has already begun. Captain Baldwin, who built the new dirigible for the American Government, will superintend the construction of the airships. Details of their plans are secret.

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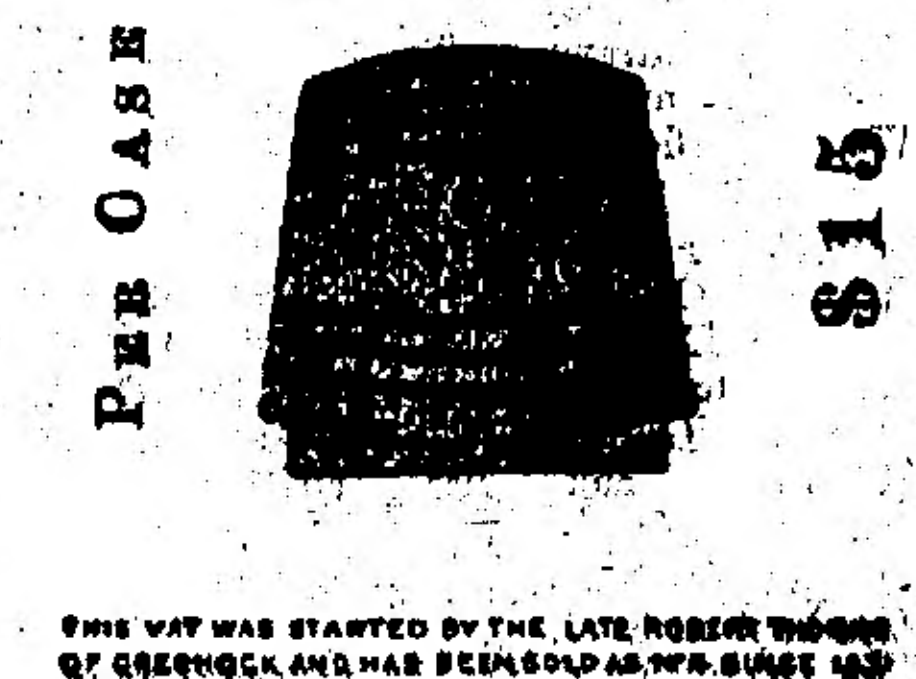
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Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned Goods remained unclaimed after TUESDAY the 29th Dec., at NOON, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 29th Dec., or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 29th Dec., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

P. NALIN, Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1908. [2]

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All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst., will be subject to rent.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1908. 1690

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Company's Steamship

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Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, To-day.

Goods not cleared by 31st Dec., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Hongkong, 24th December, 1908. [1696]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Goods not cleared by the 31st inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

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B. A. HEWITT, Supercargo.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1908. [1]

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

SILK-MAKERS DISEASE—BUTTER COWS—TOWN AND COUNTRY HUMIDITY—THE REDDUS DEFENDANT REPAIRS—KITES IN SUB-ATMOSPHERIC—METAL-PLATING WITH VAPOR—CATTLE ELECTROCUITION.

One of the latest of the diseases brought by industrial changes has appeared in an artificial silk factory in Hungary and is due to poisoning by the vapor of carbon disulphide, which, being heavier than air, accumulates in the lower parts of badly-ventilated rooms. The symptoms at first puzzled the factory surgeons. Severe headache and discomfort are followed by loss of appetite and stomach troubles, and later by weakness of the limbs and general prostration. Impaired sight and mental derangement are common. Workmen sometimes collapse and remain in a comatose condition two or three weeks and others become delirious. Permanent dementia has been known in one case. Treatment is usually successful if work is discontinued, and for prevention it is recommended that rooms be ventilated by large fans, and that no man work more than eight days in succession.

A singular discovery of Dr. Martini, a German bacteriologist, investigating cattle disease in China, is that the cows now being rapidly exported from Shantung to Vladivostok give much less milk than American cows, but that the milk contains seven or eight per cent. of butter fat, while cow's milk in the United States seldom yields over two or three per cent. Much of the food of the Chinese cows is the refuse of oil-making from beans and peanuts. The milk is unsatisfactory for drinking but produces a large quantity of excellent butter.

The air of large towns is found by V. Kromer to be drier than country air, although it might be supposed that the higher temperature of the towns would increase the vapor. The chief cause of the lessened humidity seems to be the more complete draining of the ground in towns.

The leucocytes, or white corpuscles that move about in the blood, have been likened to an army of policemen, as they defend the body from disease by seizing and absorbing germs. Max Kollmann, of the Paris Museum, believes that he has now shown a further, and hitherto unsuspected, usefulness of these tiny blood cells. He has traced the evolution of the leucocytes from certain cells found in the bodies of crustaceans and worms, and he finds reason for concluding that these roving cells act as feeders of the body as well as defenders. That is, one of their functions seems to be to provide a reserve of albumen, the material now thought to be used by the body in repairing its own tissues.

The curious fact had been brought out by French chemists that the presence of five per cent. of sugar does not change the flavour of bread, as much as ten or fifteen per cent. being necessary to give any sweet taste. Experiments from France having been made unprofitable, means are being considered for increasing the home consumption of sugar, which in 1907 was 33 pounds per capita. The use in bread of five per cent. would greatly benefit the farmers of northern France. Sugar has a high food value and is perfectly assimilated, and the new bread tested in the army and elsewhere has proven to be of excellent quality.

A remarkable phenomenon referred to as "Storm-Noise," a sudden rise of barometric pressure followed by a comparatively gradual fall, before a storm or severe squall, has been studied by German meteorologists. It explains sudden changes in the level of the sea that have been noted. Observations in the ocean near Denmark have shown a rise of as much as three feet produced by the passage of this atmospheric wave, and the effects, of course, may be quite striking.

A new naval use for man-carrying kites is in locating ships, wrecks, submarines and mines. The visibility from a considerable height of objects under water has been known by balloonists, and British naval officers have been using kites to verify the observations. The tests were made at a height of 2,000 to 3,000 feet. Kites were found to be superior to captive balloons, as they require no inflating, offer less resistance to the wind and are able to withstand quite strong gales, and they are less cumbersome. From a basket held up by three kites towed by a torpedo destroyer at a speed of 26 knots in the teeth of an 18 mile wind, observations were made with ease and in comfort.

In the new "compositing" process of Sherard Cowper-Coles, the British electrometallurgist, iron is given a protective coating by means of zinc vapor, instead of by the usual misceal "galvanizing" by dipping into molten zinc. Both porcelain and metallic surfaces are given a brilliant and delicate zinc coating. The articles to be coated are enclosed in an inner cage of fine wire netting, and this is revolved slowly in an outer drum of wrought iron in which metallic zinc is volatilized by gas, the electric furnace or other suitable heat. A stream of hydrogen is then conducted into the apparatus through a suitable tube.

In his painless slaughtering of cattle, Dr. Stephane Ledna, of Nantes, uses a low-voltage direct current of electricity, which is given a pulsating flow by an interrupter, and this acts by suspending circulation and by respiration. After several minutes' asphyxia causes death without pain, application of the current for less than two minutes being followed by complete recovery. The current contracts the muscles, producing profuse bleeding, and superior meat is claimed to be the result.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1908. [262]

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Erich Georg & Co. in their weekly share list, dated the 24th December, 1908, say:— Since the issue of our last share report a moderate to fair business has been done in a variety of stocks, and the market closes steady to strong for most of our securities. The demand, however, has been entirely for investment purposes, the speculative element with its attendant time liabilities being absent altogether. The sterling demand rate of exchange on London closes at 1s. 11d., while rates on Shanghai, and vice versa are unchanged. Barlevier in London is quoted 22 1/2, while Consols are given with 28 1/2, according to last Reuter's telegram. The rates of discount in London are unchanged.

BANK SHARES.—Several small parcels of Hongkong and Shanghai have been done at 34 1/2, but more shares are obtainable. Shanghai and London rates are unchanged. National Banks are firm at 8 1/2.

MARINE INSURANCE SHARES.—Unions sold at 8 1/2. China Traders have buyers at 8 1/2, and North China at 10 1/2. Yangtze are wanted at 16 1/2. Cantons sold at 19 1/2.

FIRE INSURANCE SHARES.—A few Hongkong Yehed 33 1/2, but more shares are on offer. Chinas have been done at 10 1/2.

SHIPPING SHARES.—Hongkong, Canton and Amoy changed hands at 29 and 29 1/2, closing with sellers at 29 1/2. Indo-Chinas are unchanged here and in Shanghai, while the London quotation is 23. 10d. for preference, and 21. 7 1/2d. for deferred shares. China and Manila have sellers at 14. Douglases are quiet, but steady at 33. Star Forries, as well as Water Bots are unchanged. Shell Transports are quiet at 47 shillings; the London rate is 47. 6d. sellers.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars are quiet again at 31 1/2. Luzons sold at 13, and are offering at 22 1/2.

MINE SHARES.—Charbonnages and Rants are unchanged. Chinese Engineering and Mining Company shares have buyers at 15. 17 1/2.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are offering at 90. Penicks, as well as New Amoy Docks are unchanged. Shanghai Docks have advanced in the North to 11s. 7 1/2d. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves sold at 84 1/2 to 84 3/4, closing with buyers at latter figure. Shanghai and Hankow Wharves advanced in the north to 11s. 14d., at which rate sellers prevailed.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Land changed hands at 18 1/2, but shares are obtainable at 19. Kowloon Lands have sellers at 8 1/2. Shanghai Lands have improved in Shanghai to 11s. 12d. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and without sales.

GODOWN MILLS.—Shanghai quotes buyers of Ewos at 11s. 7 1/2d. of Internationals at 11s. 6 1/2d. of Laonkung Mills at 11s. 5 1/2d. and of Sooy Chees at 11s. 2 1/2d. Hongkong cottons are wanted at 8 1/2.

SUNDRY MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.—Hongkong Electric have been done at 11 1/2 and 11 1/4, and a few are for sale at the higher rate. Gas shares have buyers at 2200, or an interim dividend of 5 per cent. on account of 1908, paid in London on 3rd October. Green Island Cement shares sold at rates ranging between 9 1/2 and 10, and closed with sellers at 9 1/2.

Other stocks under this heading are unchanged and no sales have been reported.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Langkats have buyers at 11s. 8d. South China Morning Post shares are firm at 24. Watsons are inquired for at 8 1/2. Watsons sold and have buyers at 8 1/2. Other stocks under this heading have not been dealt in and rates show no change.

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ROMANCE OF FINANCE.

Mr. Henry Barnato, a partner in the firm of Barnato Brothers, died at his London residence. Mr. Barnato had been suffering from heart affection for the past eighteen months, his condition varying from time to time. The deceased merchant was a widower and leaves a widow and one daughter, now Mrs. Asher.

Although he did not look so large in the public mind as his ill-fated brother "Barney," or his nephew the Jew, Henry Barnato was in a measure the founder of the fortunes of that remarkable house. He was the first to emigrate to South Africa, where he arrived in the early days of the gold and diamond fields. There he dropped his original name, Isaac, and became "Signor Barnato, the great wizard."

acquiring a prepossessing method as an itinerant conjurer among the diggers. Happily for him success did not reward his conjuring efforts, and he was fated to become a "kopic" walloper, and so founded the fortunes of his family. In those days diamonds were found without systematic digging, among the "kopies," or small hills near the rough camp which then constituted Kimberley. His work now involved constant travelling around the country, dealing in the diamonds as they were chanced upon by natives, and others, bartering for them with oren guns or spirits. Henry Barnato had the acumen to see the possibilities of the situation, and made what proved the luckiest move of his life—his tent being placed for his brother Barney. The latter soon showed his genial talents for finance. He bought four claims in the famous Kimberley mine when it was 1880, that had been saved and finally, in 1880, was founded the house of "Barnato Brothers." Later the brothers took in their nephews, Wolf, Jack and Solly Joel, and the subsequent history of the firm is closely linked with the romance of South African finance.

At the time of his death, Mr. Henry Barnato was permanent director in Johannesburg of the Barnato Consolidated Mines, and was on the board of the Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company, Limited. Although less ostentatious than some of his fellow-millionaires, he was reputed one of the richest men in England. When home from Johannesburg he lived at 23, Upper Hamilton-terrace, St. John's wood, where he has died.

It may be remembered that in March 1906, Mr. Barnato gave a freak dinner to twelve other millionaires at the Gaiety Restaurant. He was a keen lover of the drama, but his chief recreation was the turf. One of the best horses he ever owned was Sir Geoffrey, who carried his colour (primrose with old-gold cap) first past the post in the Lincolnshire Handicap in 1900.

THE SILVER MARKET.

The comparative steadiness of silver during the last fortnight says a London newspaper of the 25th ult. was owing to the completing of a "bear" covering for November, and the weak tone of the market has again asserted itself. This weak tone is the inevitable result of a glut of silver in all the great silver dealing centres, and the price must sooner or later go to a point which will cause some of this surplus to be absorbed. In existing circumstances the maintenance of the China exchange above silver parity would appear to be a difficult problem. Spot silver continues to be at a discount in Bombay, and here in London the forward market is the better of the two. On the 10th November, a shipment of 250,000oz. was made from San Francisco to the East.

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SHANGHAI	DEHI Capt. J. D. Andrews, R.N.R.	About 8th Jan.	Freight and Passage.
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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
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SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING"	On 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
HAIPHONG	"HUPEH"	On 30th Dec., 10 A.M.
MANILA	"TAMING"	On 5th Jan., 3 P.M.
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SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tuesday, 29th Dec., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"HANGSANG"	Tuesday, 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Thursday, 31st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Friday, 8th Jan., 4 P.M.
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KOBE	KUMANO MARU	5076	FRIDAY, 22nd Jan., 09 at Noon
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TJIKINI	JAVA	Second half of Jan.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
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31st December... at 8.30 p.m.
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FOR	PER	DATE
Macao	Sui Toi	Monday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Hain Fung	Monday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Poohing	Monday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy, and Fuchow	Cheongshing	Monday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Borneo	Tuesday, 29th, 1.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Sich	Tuesday, 29th, 1.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Hailan	Tuesday, 29th, 1.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Tai	Tuesday, 29th, 1.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Shaoching	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Hanyang	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Moyun	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle	Cyclops	Tuesday, 29th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai and Colombo	Hirano Maru	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Hain Fung	Hupoh	Wednesday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Hain Fung	Typanas	Wednesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Hain Fung	Printed Matter and Samples	Wednesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Hain Fung	Registration, with 10 cts. of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.	Wednesday, 30th, 10.00 A.M.
Hain Fung	Registration, Kowloon	Wednesday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
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TO-DAY.

Sale, Crown Land, Public Works Dept. 3 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATION.

December 24th.

ON LONDON.

Telegraphic Transfer 1/8

Bank Bills, on demand 1/8

Bank Bills, at 3 months sight 1/8

Credits, at 4 months sight 1/8

Documentary Bills at months sight 1/8

ON GERMANY.

Bank Bills, on demand 213

Credits, at 4 months sight 173

ON NEW YORK.

Bank Bills, on demand 413

Credits, at 60 days sight 423

ON HONGKONG.

Telegraphic Transfer 1273

Bank, on demand 1273

ON CALCUTTA.

Telegraphic Transfer 1273

Bank, on demand 1273

ON SHANGHAI.

Bank, at sight 763

Private, 30 days sight 763

ON YOKOHAMA.

On demand 333

ON MANILA.

On demand 333

ON SINGAPORE.

On demand 1023

ON HAIKONG.

On demand 93

ON BANGKOK.

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SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate 31.65

GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael 361.30

BAR SILVER, per oz. 223

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese, 20 cents pieces, per cent 55.00 discount

Chinese, 10 " " " " 55.00

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OPIUM.

December 24th.

Quotations are—

Malwa New \$1.180 per picul

Malwa Old \$1.290 " "

Malwa Older \$1.290 " "

Persian fine quality \$1.220 " "

Persian extra fine \$1.220 " "

Persian New \$1.195 per chest

Persian Old \$1.195 " "

Burmese New \$1.010 " "

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VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The O. & O. str. Asia will be due to arrive in Hongkong to-day at 8 a.m.

The P.M. str. Mongolia with the American Mail from San Francisco of last week, in addition to the usual ports of call, will call at Manila and her arrival date in Hongkong will consequently be delayed until the 4th prox.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. P. E. Friedrich carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 2nd inst., left Singapore on Friday the 25th inst. at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on or about evening the 30th inst.

THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.

The I.G.M. str. Prince Sigismund has left Sydney on Wednesday the 16th inst. at 7 p.m., and may be expected here on or about the 6th prox.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Apcar str. C. Apcar from Calcutta left Singapore on the 22nd inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-morrow.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. str. Hirano Maru (European Line), left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 19th inst. and is expected here to-day.

The N.Y.K. str. Takasaki Maru (Bombay Line) left Moji on the 22nd inst., and is expected here to-day.

The str. Craiggar sailed from Seattle on the 15th inst., for Hongkong via Moji.

The E. & A. str. Eastern left Sydney on 19th inst. for Queensland Ports, Timor, Manila and this port.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Hupoh, from Haiphong &c., Rev. Robert For Scotland, from Shanghai, Miss Feldman and child.

Per Shinano Maru, from Shanghai, &c., Mrs. F. Yagi, Miss E. M. Butts, Messrs. A. R. Hassan, A. E. Dowler and G. Yagi.

Per Hainan, from Swatow, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig and Mr. P. C. Potes.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, December 24th.

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SHIPPING IN PORT.

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STRANERS.

BORNEO, German str., 1444, F. Sembill, 16th Dec.—Sundays 12th Dec., Timber and General—Melchers & Co.

CHONGHING, British str., 1256, Liddell, 15th Dec.—Daly via Chiofo 15th Dec., Bean cake etc.—Butterfield & Swire.

CHONGHING, British str., 1223, W. Kay, 21st Dec.—Daly via Chiofo 15th Dec., Bean cake etc.—Butterfield & Swire.

CHOWPA, German str., 1755, H. Bremer, 24th Dec.—Swatow 23rd Dec., Rice—N.D.L.

DAKOTAH, British str., 2595, Ross, 21st Dec.—Sundays 12th Dec., Korosoro Oil—Standard Oil Co.

DEWENT, British str., 1562, J. Jenkins, 17th Dec.—Sundays 12th Dec., General—China.